

Provisional Vital Statistics for June 2005

Live births decreased in June as 6,748 Missouri babies were born compared with 7,179 one year earlier. However, cumulative births for the 6- and 12-month periods ending with June both increased slightly.

Deaths increased slightly in June as 4,061 Missourians died compared with 4,014 in June 2004. Cumulative deaths decreased for the 6 months ending with June and increased slightly for the 12 months ending with June.

The **Natural increase** in June was 2,687 (6,748 births minus 4,061 deaths). The natural increase rose for the cumulative 6- and 12-month periods ending with June.

Marriages increased for all three time periods shown below. For the 12-months ending with June, marriages increased by 5 percent.

Dissolutions of marriage increased in June, but decreased slightly for the cumulative 6- and 12-month periods ending with June. The marriage to divorce ratio increased from 1.81 to 1.90 for the 12 months ending with June.

Infant deaths increased for all three time periods shown below. For the first half of the year, the infant death rate increased from 7.3 to 8.1 per 1,000 live births.

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Item	June				Jan-June cumulative				12 months ending with June				
	Number		Rate*		Number		Rate*		Number		Rate*		
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2003	2004	2005
Live Births	7,179	6,748	15.2	14.1	38,757	39,070	13.5	13.5	77,518	78,555	13.6	13.5	13.6
Deaths	4,014	4,061	8.5	8.5	29,694	29,359	1.3	10.1	54,484	54,930	9.7	9.5	9.5
Natural increase	3,165	2,687	6.7	5.6	9,063	9,711	3.2	3.4	23,034	23,625	3.9	4.0	4.1
Marriages	4,672	4,698	9.9	9.8	18,587	23,804	6.5	8.2	39,710	41,679	7.4	6.9	7.2
Dissolutions	1,647	1,910	3.5	4.0	10,826	10,788	3.8	3.7	21,902	21,881	3.9	3.8	3.8
Infant deaths	42	58	5.9	8.6	282	316	7.3	8.1	552	620	8.4	7.1	7.9
Population base (in thousands)	...	...	5,755	5,791	...	...	5,755	5,791	...	...	5,699	5,737	5,773

* Rates for live births, deaths, natural increase, marriages and dissolutions are computed on the number per 1000 estimated population. The infant death rate is based on the number of infant deaths per 1000 live births. Rates are adjusted to account for varying lengths of monthly reporting periods.

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